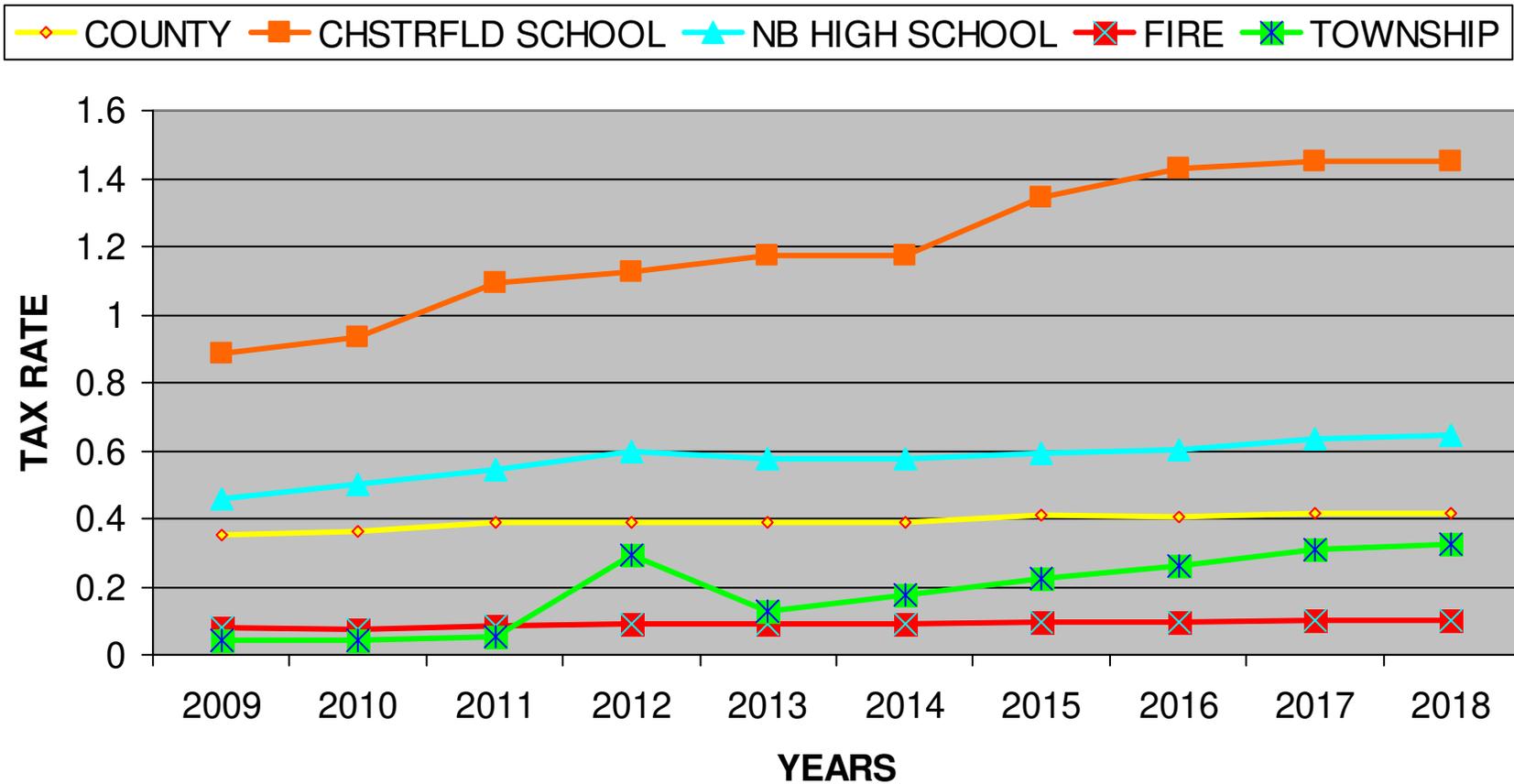

2019
MUNICIPAL BUDGET
for the
TOWNSHIP OF
CHESTERFIELD

10 YEAR TAX HISTORY

10 YR TAX HISTORY



2018 BREAKDOWN OF TAXES

TAXING ENTITY	RATE	% OF TOTAL
TOWNSHIP	.328	10.62 %
FIRE (Average)	.103	3.40 %
CHESTERFIELD SCHOOL	1.451	49.91 %
NB HIGH SCHOOL	.646	21.85 %
COUNTY (All)	.415	14.22 %
TOTAL	2.943	100.00 %

2018 Average House \$390,394

Paid \$11,489.30

2019 PROJECTED

- 1/1/19 Beginning Surplus \$ 3,373,001.47
 - 2019 Municipal Budget \$ 5,290,000.00
 - Surplus Utilized \$ 1,312,000.00
 - Surplus After Budget \$ 2,061,001.47
 - The Township is nearing completion of the Development area and looking at 2019-2020 as the completion of the Traditions and Crestwood proposed development area.
 - The use of surplus continues to be examined with multi-year projections with a thorough review concerning the completion of the development and the corresponding reduction of construction fees and added taxes on the yearly surplus balance.
 - Proposed Tax Rate 34.0 cents
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2019 – THE BUDGET PROCESS

- Department Heads submit budgets
 - Submitted to Finance for compilation
 - Detail Expenses are distributed to Township Committee
 - Budget discussion Meetings with all Members of the Township Committee
 - Budget Meetings with Budget Advisory Committee
 - March 14, 2019 Budget Introduced
 - April 10, 2019 Local Finance Board on 1977 CAP Waiver – Waiver Granted
 - April 25, 2019 Public Hearing on Introduced Budget
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BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- Thanks to the Budget Advisory Committee for all their hard work and dedication.
 - Members
 - William Boerth
 - Stacy D'Artagan
 - Joseph Monzo
 - Daniel Schaffener
 - Vickie Toor
 - The Governing Body takes all their suggestions into consideration when making budget decisions.
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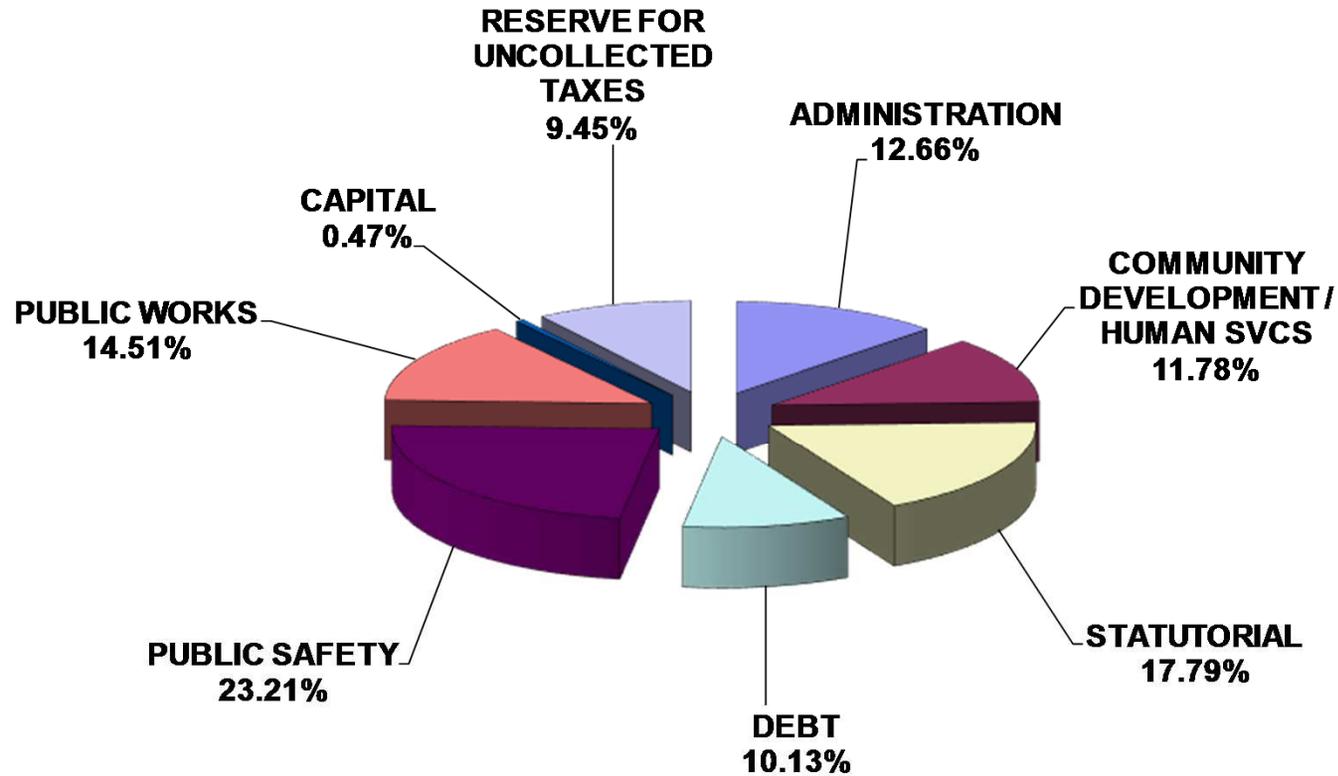
2018 & 2019 REVENUE

REVENUE	2018	2019
SURPLUS	1,350,000.00	1,312,000.00
LOCAL REVENUE	278,000.00	267,000.00
STATE AID	512,715.00	512,715.00
CONSTRUCTION	154,000.00	165,000.00
GRANTS	2,944.85	3,362.52
SPECIAL REVENUE	55,600.00	105,360.00
DELINQUENT TAXES	200,000.00	200,000.00
AMOUNT RAISED	2,579,140.15	2,724,562.48
TOTAL	5,132,400.00	5,290,000.00

TOWNSHIP SERVICE AREAS

- **PUBLIC SAFETY - CHIEF, 9 F/T OFFICERS, 1 P/T OFFICERS, 1 SECRETARY**
 - POLICE, FIRST AID, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
 - **PUBLIC WORKS – 1 DIRECTOR, 5 EMPLOYEES**
 - BUILDINGS & GROUNDS, ATHLETIC FIELDS, STREETS & ROADS, SNOW, RECYCLING, MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLES, UTILITIES,
 - **ADMINISTRATION**
 - COMMITTEE, ADMIN, CLERK, FINANCE, TAX, PROFESSIONALS
 - **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT / HUMAN SERVICES**
 - PARKS & RECREATION, CONSTRUCTION, PLANNING, ZONING, LIBRARY, CCA, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, COURT, BOARD OF HEALTH, SENIORS, DOG
 - **STATUTORIAL**
 - INSURANCE, PENSION, SOCIAL SECURITY, UNEMPLOYMENT
 - **DEBT**
 - **RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTED TAXES**
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TOWNSHIP BUDGET AREAS



NOTED BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

■ ELECTRICITY

- Fenton Lane – This increase is partially offset by Recreation Fees we receive when the building is rented

■ STREET LIGHTING

- As areas of the development are completed and turned over to the Township, Street Lights become the Township responsibility

■ MUNICIPAL CLERK

- This increase offset by the corresponding decrease in the A&E (Administration & Executive) budget

■ ANIMAL CONTROL

- The Township increased the Dog License Fee in 2019 in order to offset the increases

■ AMBULANCE SERVICES

- The Township received two bids for Ambulance Services, although an increase, the second bid was \$148,000 higher.
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TOWNSHIP SHARED SERVICES

- Provided To Chesterfield
 - Municipal Court – Bordentown Twp – This was a change in 2019.
 - 2019 Projected Savings - \$30,000.00
 - Animal Control Services – Bordentown Twp
 - Provided By Chesterfield
 - Snow and Landscaping Services – Chesterfield School
 - Fuel Supplied – Chesterfield School & Fire Districts
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FIRE SERVICES

- Fire Services – After much active discussion among the Fire Companies and the Fire Board of Commissioners, Fire Districts #1 and #2 have combined. The newly combined Fire District #1 will now service the entire community. Fire services will be currently housed at 296 Bordentown-Chesterfield Rd, across from the Municipal Building. The combining of the Fire Districts negated the need to hire additional personnel.
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2019 TOWNSHIP TAX

2019 Proposed Tax Rate

34.0 cents

Increase in Tax Rate

1.2 cents

Tax on Average House of \$391,516

\$ 1,331.15

2019 Increase on Average House

\$ 46.98

To Calculate Individual Local Impact
Assessed Value divided by 100 times .340

TOWNSHIP OUTSIDE ORGANIZATION SERVICE AREAS

The following Outside Organizations support your Community. Now these organizations need your support. Please volunteer, fundraise, donate or support the operations in any way you can.

Contact information is provided below.

- **CROSSWICKS LIBRARY**
 - ❑ (609)298-6271 crosswicks@bcls.lib.nj.us
 - ❑ Provides Library services to enrich the lives of citizens.
 - **CROSSWICKS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**
 - ❑ (609)379-2341 CrosswicksHouse@gmail.com
 - ❑ Enhance Community life by providing Cultural & Social activities.
 - **CROSSWICKS HISTORICAL SOCIETY**
 - ❑ (609)298-3700 chesterfieldtwphistoricalsoc@gmail.com
 - ❑ Dedicated to the collection, preservation and promotion of the Township's history.
 - **CHESTERFIELD KEENAGERS**
 - ❑ 12:00PM Second and Fourth Wednesday of the Month at the Municipal Building
 - ❑ Provides Senior Citizens topics and speakers of points of interest.
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THE CAP STORY

- NJ HAS 2 “CAPS” LAWS
 - 1977 APPROPRIATION CAP LAW
 - This law places a CAP Limit over the Prior Year Appropriations less certain exclusions
 - 2010 LEVY CAP LAW
 - This law limits the Tax Levy from increasing 2% over the Prior Year Levy, plus an increase for new ratables, and certain exclusions.
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THE APPROPRIATION CAP

- Every Year since 2005 the Township requests a waiver of the 1977 Appropriation CAP Law
 - The Waiver is for Police Salary & Wage and Ambulance Services
 - The Waiver must be approved by the NJ Local Finance Board at a Public Meeting
 - 2019 Waiver was approved by the Local Finance Board on April 10th with the Mayor, Administrator and CFO in attendance for the meeting.
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THE APPROPRIATION CAP

■ HOW THE CAP WAIVER BEGAN

- ❑ In 2001 there were 4 Patrolman in the Township
 - ❑ This allowed for 1 Patrolman per shift
 - ❑ There was a Safety Incident with 1 Officer – There was no Back-Up to Call
 - ❑ Decision was made to Hire 2 Officers per shift based on Safety Concerns
 - ❑ This decision was made with the knowledge that population would greatly increase with the new development.
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THE APPROPRIATION CAP

■ POLICE HISTORY

- ❑ 2001 – The Police had 4 Patrolman, 1 Part-Time Patrolman, 1 Sergeant and the Chief
- ❑ 2003 – 4 Patrolman were added to allow for 2 officers per shift for safety reasons. The Sergeant position was unfilled.
- ❑ 2007 – 2 Sergeants were promoted from within.
- ❑ 2012 – Additional Patrolman added
- ❑ 2015 – Detective promoted form within

SINCE 2003 ONLY ONE ADDITIONAL POLICE OFFICER WAS ADDED. Current Staffing is the Chief, 2 Sergeants, 1 Detective, 6 Patrolman and 1 Part-Time Officer. 2 Auxiliary officers are also available if needed.

THE LEVY CAP

■ LEVY CAP

- ❑ This law imposed a 2% limit on annual property tax increases.
 - ❑ In 2019 – 2% CAP increase is \$51,583.00
 - ❑ The Township had an exclusion for Pension Obligations and Debt Service
 - ❑ The Township had \$19,418,400 in new ratables in 2018 which created a New Ratable adjustment of \$63,692.00
 - ❑ The Township is utilizing \$258 which is the full amount of available Levy CAP bank in the 2019 budget
 - ❑ The process to exceed the Levy CAP must include a referendum which is put out to all Chesterfield voters and would need to pass at 50% plus one of the votes cast on the question.
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AFFECT OF CAPS ON 2019 BUDGET

- The 2019 budget was prepared in conjunction with a 5 year forecast of the CAPs effect.
 - The Township plans to address the Appropriation CAP if and when a referendum is needed for the Levy Cap.
 - This budget addresses the tax rate so that large spikes do not occur between years.
 - Current forecasts show that the cap referendum may occur in 2022-2023.
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PROJECTS COMPLETED

- Municipal Park Playground
 - Improvements to Harker Road
 - Recreation Survey
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FUTURE PROJECTS

- Recycling Area
 - Cricket Field - This is near completion. The ground covering will be installed shortly
 - Saddle Way Gazebo - This is near completion. The benches and picnic tables are being assembled and will be installed shortly.
 - Monument and Memorial Bricks - This tribute at the old municipal building will be moved to the grounds of the new municipal building.
 - Recreation Projects – Currently being determined
 - Future Projects are considered in conjunction with Grant opportunities
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